

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An arrangement for read-out of information from an optical information carrier, comprising a light source for illuminating said information carrier, and an optical system for receiving light reflected from the information carrier and for injecting this reflected light into a vertical-cavity surface-emitting laser (VCSEL) (30), said VCSEL having a front side for receiving said reflected light and a rear opposite said front side, wherein the VCSEL is configured to emit light through its rear, and wherein a photodetector (32) is provided adjacent said rear to detect light emitted through the rear of the VCSEL.

2. (original) An arrangement as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a polarizer (31) arranged between said rear of the VCSEL (30) and said photodetector (32) for allowing only light of a predetermined polarization to reach the photodetector.

3. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein the VCSEL is configured to emit light through its rear by way of a hole provided in a substrate of the VCSEL.

4. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, wherein the VCSEL is configured to emit light through its rear by way of a substrate of the VCSEL being transparent to the emitted wavelength.

5. (currently amended) An optical drive, comprising an arrangement for read-out according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~claim 1.

6. (original) Use of a vertical-cavity surface-emitting laser (VCSEL) capable of receiving injection of light from a first side and capable of emitting light from a second side for enhancing read-out of information from an optical information carrier, wherein said information carrier is illuminated by light from a light source, and light thus reflected from the information carrier is injected into the VCSEL from the first side and read-out is performed by monitoring light emitted by said VCSEL from the second side opposite said first side.